

Douglas H Stutz
Public Affairs Officer
Naval Hospital Bremerton

Douglas H Stutz assumed duties as Public Affairs Officer at Naval Hospital Bremerton (NHB) in May 2006. His responsibilities include providing public affairs support in helping to manage the image and perception of NHB through external and internal communication as well as with community relations programs. As PAO, he also conducts, oversees and supports public affairs programs with NHB's three Branch Health Clinics at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Naval Base Kitsap Bangor and Naval Station Everett. He has been very active in COMREL projects, participating in such venues as the annual Kitsap Military Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day Parade, Bremerton Blackberry Festival, Washington State Special Olympics and American Red Cross events. He has spearheaded a proactive news and press release program to consistently keep staff as well as beneficiaries informed with timely, concise and accurate information on many aspects of NHB.

Mr. Stutz served 23 years on active-duty as a Navy Chief Journalist (Enlisted Warfare Specialist), retiring in June 2005 from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) as PAO Leading Chief Petty Officer, a tour that culminated supporting Operation Unified Assistance tsunami relief effort in Banda Aceh province, Sumatra, Indonesia. Prior to that, he was LCPO of Commander Navy Region Southwest Public Affairs Office.

He also deployed on several Individual Augmentee assignments, including Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 2002 to 2003 as the Navy PAO representative assigned to Joint Task Force Southwest Asia (JTF-SWA), Combined Air Operations Component commander's officer of public affairs that included stints at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, Karsi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan, and Ganci Air Base, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; In 2001 with JTF-SWA at Esan Village, KSA, as Navy PAO and Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait; deployed to Commander Sixth Fleet from Commander Navy Region Southwest in 1999 to support NATO operations in Kosovo and Operation Allied Harbor on numerous ships and in the Balkans, Macedonia, Greece and Italy; attached to amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) from 1995 to 1998; assigned to Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Monterey, Calif. from 1992 to 1994. Other assignments include USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS Lynde McCormick (DDG 8).

Mr. Stutz's personal awards from active duty include the joint service commendation medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achieve Medal (four awards), plus numerous campaign and unit designations.

Mr. Stutz received his Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations Management from National University, San Diego, Calif. in 2002. He and his better-half Liza, currently reside in Port Orchard, Wash., with two energetic labs, two three-legged cats and two somewhat normal felines. He's a member of the Half-Fanatic Marathon run group (33 and counting) and has recommitted to continuing after a 13-month rehabilitation period due to consecutive reconstructive foot surgeries, which Liza tolerates...